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2. Japanese Patent Application Publication No. 11-224461 corresponds to Japanese Patent Application No. 10-025310, discussed on pages 3-4 of the specification, and an English abstract is enclosed.

3. An English Abstract of JP 8-235832 is enclosed.

4. An English Abstract of JP 10-11894 is enclosed.

5. An English Abstract of JP 2000-209549 is enclosed.

6. An English Abstract of JP 2000-224543 is enclosed.

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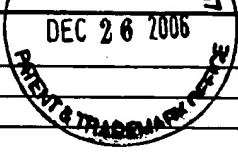
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